



**MINUTES OF THE  
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

This meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 5, at 10:30AM. The members met at MDOT in the Board Room.

Acting Chair Mario VillaSanta chaired the meeting, which was called to order at 10:40AM. The following members were present.

Acting Chair Mario VillaSanta  
Bill Cox  
Elmer Horsey  
George Littrell  
Michael Moore  
Carol Petzold  
Kathy Riley  
Gary Simpson  
Sudhir Trevedi

Mr. VillaSanta began the meeting by announcing that the Commission would have other business to discuss pending the completion of dedication requests. Mr. VillaSanta then asked Mr. Beam to introduce the petitioners.

The first request was submitted by Mr. Robert E. Nicolay on behalf of his wife, Joanna M. Nicolay. Mr. Nicolay submitted this request to rename all or a portion of Interstate 795 in memoriam of Mrs. Nicolay. Mr. Nicolay is the Chairman of the Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation. Several Commissioners asked Mr. Nicolay if this was the only location he would accept. Mr. Nicolay responded that other locations would be acceptable.

The second request was a continuation of a request made earlier from Mr. Albert Harris, also for I-795, on behalf of Johnny Unitas of the former Baltimore Colts. Mr. Harris request was initialed tabled pending the arrival of all of the proposal's letters of support. These letters were included in the now complete application package.

The Commission heard both petitions and thanked the applicants for their time. Mr. Beam then submitted a memo from the State Highway Administration Office of Traffic and Safety. (OTS). in response to the request. The memo stated objections to both requests based on both selection criteria and engineering guidance. Specifically, this

memorandum expresses concerns about conflict with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the possible precedent that could be set.

After discussion, the Commission voted to defer to the SHA memo and not make a recommendation for or against either request.

The Commission then discussed a draft memorandum from the Commissioners directly to the Secretary. The memo is a request to the Secretary to assign the Commission more duties and responsibilities. A draft is still in progress and will be completed at a later date.

Hearing no further issues, the Commission adjourned at 11:43AM.